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The night Emery is taken she is reading emails in bed.

Aerthe, another world, the world of the Swathe, the moving cities of the Mekkers.

Blind on arrival and naked. No one touches her until the Mekkers decide humans aren't people, and therefore can be bought and traded. The journey through the portal alters humans, shines them all pretty. Humans glimmer.

Emery's bright hair and nails will forever mark her as alien. Her freedom is gone. Though her sight returns, she becomes a possession of House Oren.

But someone else wants to own her. The House Master, Mako, a man who uses whips and canes like most people use a knife - daily, with efficiency and casualness.

She vows to never give in.

Banned from marrying. Banned from having playing too intimately with the house possessions, Mako holds himself back.

He mustn't. Shouldn't. His job is to punish, to control, to keep the House in order.

But when Emery runs and takes with her a most dangerous war machine, one not seen since the Last Days of the War... Mako is the man they turn to.

To chase her down. To bring her back, lamed, dead, or mostly alive.

Warning: This is a dark kinky story. If you don't understand where dark stories can go, this might not be for you.

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Carly Odonoghue says

Acquired Possession (The Machinery of Desire Book 1) is the latest book dark sci fi book by Cari Silverwood that I have read.

This story that revolves around Emery or Slave 12 as she is known, on the world of Aerthe. Emery is used as a blood slave as her body hosts Factor H. She is owned by Basteer but it's up to Mako, the House Master to keep her in line and punish her when required and boy does he punish her! to the point of me of thinking that the punishment was harsh compared to the crime. But it all was essential for the character development and for the story and their relationship blossoms because of all they go through.

I found this story interesting because for me it's a romance story but it isn't a romance story at the same time if that makes any sense. I found that Mako and Emerys relationship works even if it's unconventional. One of my favourite character in this book has to be JI-Mech the Mechling he was so adorable and I want one!

I'm delighted that this is part of a series and I'm excited to read the story of Emerys friends. This book is for people who love their sci fi dark and please read the earnings before you start reading. 5 stars from me.

Daria says

Cari Silverwood has always been able to put her special spin on storytelling, Acquired Possession is no different. Our minds get to travel to a world that isn't earth, flying ships, mechanicals and a breed of species all they're own.

A kind of steampunkish, Sci-Fi a bit of dark all rolled up into a mind catching story that will have you caught until the very end.

Its a different take on a old go to story sit back and enjoy how Cari spins this story for you. Vampires aren't the ones that sparkle in this story *smiles* a story of ultimate control, of desire because its forbidden or is it something else. An awakening of feelings that weren't known or not looked to closely at. A story of desperation of not giving in.

You will learn quick what the rules are or suffer the punishment, the Master deals out punishment as a job he enjoys. This isn't a rainbow and butterfly story but one of dark erotic need, the need to deal it out and the need to accept it. I read and review this book voluntarily and do recommend it.

Lisa says

Acquired Possession will transport you to another world full of rules, mysteries, traditions and unknowns that will leave you yearning for more as you discover along with Emery. Her confusion, pain and arousal becomes your own as she is thrust into a new world as a slave under the House Master Mako.

Their relationship will push, bend and maybe break some rules as well as some readers boundaries. This is not a flowery romance, but a dark erotic tale that will continue to surprise.

This is a full story, but there's still more to discover about this world and I can't wait for it!

Jennifer says

I'm going to try to review Cari Silverwood's new release, *Acquired Possession*, without fangirling so hard that I embarrass myself. As a lover of dark erotica, dubcon/non-con, BDSM, and fantasy, Ms. Silverwood has rocked my world on quite a few occasions. She's always up for trying new things, but each story has that classic undertone that I recognize as her unique voice and style. *Acquired Possession* is a sci-fi, slave capture fantasy with dark elements and BDSM. Human becomes alien when Emery is thrust unexpectedly through a portal on earth into a world that was, for me, reminiscent of *Star Wars*. There's a mix of old and new...big mechanized traveling robots that house thousands of beings and droid like robots that possess intelligence, all with an old world, dusty feel. That dichotomy made the world feel less sci-fi and more fantasy with a dark twist. Once in her new world, Emery learns that humans are no more than slaves to be sold, possessed, and toyed with. They also possess blood that is of great value. Emery also discovers that she will be Slave 12 of a House run by House Master Mako. Mako is a hard and unforgiving Master, but soon finds himself more than physically attracted to his new slave. She reminds him of a painful loss, but is even more tempting for it. Emery doesn't want to enjoy the punishments she earns through her misbehavior, but she can't help herself. She learns to crave Mako's touch, making it more difficult when she tries to make her grand escape.

If you're scared of sci-fi, don't be! While *Acquired Possession* makes heavy use of "otherworld" elements, this is ultimately a story of a woman coming to terms with her desire to be owned by a strong and capable Master. That means that yes, you should enjoy BDSM. Also, you should enjoy the darker side of kink. We aren't on earth and the rules of appropriate sexual conduct don't apply. The story line enters some territory of non-consent and heavier elements of "play." Expect needles, knives, electricity. And expect to see sex not always used for pleasure. It's all very, very hot. This being Cari Silverwood, also expect to get deep in the characters' heads to explore their inner desires and fears. Emery is a strong woman who doesn't back down when she's scared. She sees what Mako does to her, but in the end, even as slave, she makes him work to earn the title of Master over her. Mako loves to dole out pain, but he has a wonderfully tender side that I really loved. I am not usually into soft and tender moments in BDSM (the loving Dom is sometimes a bit cliché for me), but Ms. Silverwood managed to give Emery and Mako a connection that truly touched me and brought me to tears. There is a decent amount of action and the plot never lags. I was sad to see their story end! I know that the next installment will focus on another couple, but I'd love to see Emery and Mako's story continue, to see them in action as Master and slave. I highly recommend *Acquired Possession*, not only for its kinky goodness, but for its great storytelling.

Becca says

This book grabbed my attention right from the start, opening in the middle of a courtroom scene that takes place in a world quite different from Earth. To be honest, I had mixed feelings about that sudden start. On the one hand I was riveted by the story from the very beginning, on the other I felt a bit lost at times. The author slowly reveals aspects of this new society as the story unfolds, although I still had some questions at the end which have me eagerly awaiting further books in the series. However, this book comes to a very satisfying conclusion.

The Mekker society is not at all nice. In fact, their combination of extreme logic, heavy emphasis on law and

order, and disregard for other beings is downright chilling. It is the need for something in human blood (which other alien species have as well, but human blood is particularly rich) that causes Mekkers to capture and use a group of humans with no regard for their rights. It isn't all logic though, there is an interesting mix of magic sprinkled through the story as well.

Emery is the human heroine featured in this story and she is a very likeable character. She makes a worthy adversary for her trainer and handler, Mako, despite the fact she knows she will be punished severely for every infraction. There are a few times I think she should have considered those consequences before acting, but then the book wouldn't have been quite so exciting if she had!

This world is so creative, so aggravating, fascinating, and absolutely riveting. The punishment scenes were, well, umm.... wow! Not your everyday spanking here! There is blood play (although it isn't really play, but I couldn't think of a better term), so if that's a problem for you perhaps being forewarned will be helpful. One question I have is, why would a society that values humans so highly for a blood factor they need to survive, treat human lives in such a cavalier manner? I'd love to hear other opinions on this. ;-)

I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of this book.

Domino says

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This was a book that I never saw coming! For me it held elements of steampunk and reminded me of The Bone Season without the sex. (Sweetest character Mammoth.)

Cécile Smits says

With Cari, you can be sure that once you open one of her books, you're stepping into another world. One that's dark and delicious, no matter where she takes you. Emery is taken to another world, one that isn't kind to humans.... Enslaved, she is to be used for her blood. Disobeying earns her punishment by the house Master, Mako. A man she's not entirely sure what to think of, let alone feel.... My honest opinion? I loved, loved, loved it! Cari, you rock!

Am4u ❁ ~ AprilMarie4u ~ ❁ says

Rating:

Five Stars

Genres:

The main genre is science fiction with touches of paranormal, however it does also have elements of dystopian & steampunk. Very much an alternate world type of setting.

The book is also erotic, specifically to dark erotica and bdsm content. I think for most readers the severity of the dark erotica & bdsm content will probably range from light to moderate. Maybe too heavy for some, if erotic punishment & dub/non-con elements are not your cuppa.

Overall:

I love this world the author built! It engaged my mind from start to finish.

I really enjoyed that not all the facts & rules of this world are shown upfront (no info dump). The author takes the readers on a journey showing this world piece by piece, and the rules of it are slowly unraveled throughout.

The erotic content in the story is very good, and there is some definite on page sexy time. However, to me, the primary focus felt like it was more on the characters & the story being told. Basically, more story than sex (IMO).

Lastly, this book completely works as a standalone & is the first in a new series (not a spinoff). Also, I got the impression that each book in this series will feature a different couple.

Other:

Additional info & pre-order links can be found on
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Cari Silverwood says

Rose says

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Tags: Sci-Fi | Erotica | Fantasy | Exhibitionism | BDSM | Romance | Captivity

Recommended to: Dark Fic lovers, and those that enjoy Sci-Fi erotica

Content warning: BDSM | Needleplay | Sexual activity

Note after the last page: Aww!

Emery is no longer on Earth, but the world of Aerthe, of the Swathe. A slave of the Mekkers and used for the precious Factor H her bodily fluids contain. Fortunately, (or unfortunately) *'Blood from unfucked humans is at a premium'*, so she's safe from that. Emery is owned by Basteer, but controlled and punished by his appointed House Master, Mako.

Mako becomes torn between the need to punish her harder, since she reminds him of his lost love, or stay away. He is the sadistic dominant with exceptional control at times. The suspense that surrounds him is constant, will he break the rules and have sex with Emery? Will he punish her too roughly? Will he abandon trying to keep her in line?... And I could ask more questions but they'd have 'Spoiler' written all over them.

Emery, aka Slave Twelve of House Oren, is a great character, so strong!

Her mind is always ticking over, always thinking of ways to escape, ways to handle each situation she's faced with. It made the ending all the sweeter. She comes full-circle, and the way she does it stays true to her character; every action has a force and thought behind it. And the wit in this gave some laugh-out-loud moments, particularly her teaching the other slaves that addressing someone as 'bastard' meant they admired them, that Mako loved it... ?

And during a punishment: *'she couldn't help herself—she full-on smiled. Fuck them. Pussies. How many left? Five.'* Brattiness at its finest that surely has its comeuppance?

This book wasn't as dark as the Dark Hearts series, but still had the elements of heartache and sadness, positions of powerlessness, and danger. It was Romance. *Sweeter!* In a different way.

There's a perfect combination of character development, and plot, to drive the pace, with neither being the dominant force. They're balanced out perfectly and I found I was just as absorbed in the characters' journeys, as I was the fascinating world of Aerthe. The latter has endless possibilities for some more cracking stories, and I can't wait to read more. Sawyer (former soldier in the SAS), and amongst the captives taken with Emery, is next!

*Special mention for Mammoth and JI-mech, for being such (cute) vivid, important characters.

Unforgettable. Recommended for Dark Fic lovers, and those that enjoy erotic Sci-Fi

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Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

3.5 Stars

This was a cool dystopian/captivity/PNR-ish/smut-fest buffet of a book.

Since I love all of the above, I was either predisposed to like it...or predestined to be harsher critic. Either way though, the chips fell where they fell and I had fun with this one.

I think the world was interesting - although the world-building was a mite underdeveloped - and the characters were good - although they too could have been a little more fleshed out. I think I would have enjoyed this more had some of the "rules" and truths of the world been introduced a littler earlier than they were.

Regardless, I enjoyed this enough to want to pick up book two as well as check out more from this new-to-me-author.

Rosebud says

Emery was a nobody who didn't stand out in a crowd if it weren't for her blazing red hair. Just another average single working class girl looking to get ahead in the world through hard work and careful financial planning. Yet, in one day, in one instance, her life is forever changed when she falls through a portal into an alternate universe that resembles a SciFi high tech steampunk sort of world. Naked, blind, alone, Emery is now at the mercy and pleasure of the Meekers.

House Master Mako Laste, house Oren, was once an affluent decorated hero until circumstances resulted in a reverse of fame and fortune. Still, his current place in society gives him the potential to regain all that was lost. His current position gives him responsibly over Basteer's slaves, keeping them in order but with the added perk of indulging his sadistic inner core on disobedient slaves needing punishment, with only a few minor restrictions as Earth females are very valuable to their owners.

A recent acquisition, slave twelve, is proving to be more resistant to her station thus requiring more and more of Mako's special attention. Problem is slave twelve brings back memories of a lost love who was the perfect compliment to his dark core. Nobody could ever replace Sasha ... could they?

Emery can't return home but she surely can't continue to live out her life as it is. Accidentally connecting with a potential ally, Emery has a real chance of escaping. It's all dependent on if she can fully trust her new friend and avoid tipping off her masters. Yet, escaping is only the first step in navigating an alien world that puts a high value on Earth females. A value so high the Mekker hierarchy will agree to just about anything to the person blood contracted to retrieve Emery.

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Warning: *This book contains extreme BDSM including humiliation, D/s, sadist/masochist, impact play, needle play, dub/non consent, electro play, and public sex scenes. It is a dark fantasy read and only those who can appreciate this form of adult literature should proceed. Consider yourself warned.*

A new series by a popular author of mine whose specialty is dark twisted perverted forms of erotic romance. In this series she's gone back to her steampunk origins providing a twisted *Alice In Wonderland* fairy tale premise. To be clear, my reference regarding twisted fairy tale is an arbitrary personal conjecture on my part, but if the shoe fits.....

The main characters premise an enemies to lovers set up. Of course that's pretty much a no brainer as Emery is a forced slave and Mako her sadistic master, by proxy. The devious manner in which the author brings the two closer and closer into realizing that while circumstances may have put them together it's not a bad thing as they come to build mutual respect, admiration, lust, and maybe more. Many times I read a dark romance

questioning if a couple really works for the right reasons as not everyone is a fan of pain, humiliation, needle/wax play, and other darker levels of BDSM, especially when one of the characters starts out vanilla. Giving credit where credit is due, Ms. Silverwood accomplished this with class.

The secondary characters. I'm probably wrong but I do believe this is the first book by this author that I've read that includes a significant gay character in the story line. Ms. Silverwood, can it be that YOU are coming over to the dark side too? m-m? Be still my heart.....

The cast of secondary characters includes the good, the bad, and the evil though some of those characters are vague in categorizing probably as they may factor in future installments of this series and thus have not been sufficiently fleshed out. Sira, Thyra, Ormrud, Fern, Basteer, Gio, Mammoth, JJ-mech, Aerthe, the King, Gyle, and other unnamed characters all add to the overall world building though not all in a positive way. Adding here... this author usually includes a character that I personally attach to and want to see continue on but usually doesn't ... Ms Silverwood: Mammoth, make it happen.....

My issues in this story have to do with the world building. Steampunk worlds are difficult to grasp and in this case I had more than usual difficulty myself. Idiots Guide paraphrasing: the Aerthe world (where this story takes place) is a planet that rejected the Mekkers leaving them in a sort of nomad situation to survive. Subsequently, they created massive gigantic humongous mega constantly moving city land ships to live on. There are different components to this that include how it's powered and the society at large but at the core is that this story takes place aboard the *Royal Swarthe*, one of five ships owned by the Mekkers. Seriously, knowing that little hint might have helped me at the start because for the first half of this story I struggled at the who/what/when/where of the world building.

In addition. The opening scene with Fern. So many many many questions arose from this scene during the course of reading this story. Many are still unresolved but mentioning them would be spoiler info so I can't. I just didn't understand Fern's role in this particular story.....

I'm a long fan of this author's works and have come to appreciate her insanely warped twisted mind when it comes to dark BDSM erotica stories. Glad she's gone back to her roots in Steampunk because there seriously aren't enough quality reads in this sub genre.

Next up in series is Claimed Possession (The Machinery of Desire #2) which has release date of Oct 11, 2017. Can't wait !!!!!!!

Mary Lee says

Great Series Starter

This looks to be a fantastic series. I love the world Cari created here. Ember and some of her friends fall through a hole to somewhere or somewhen else. I have my theories. This place took awhile to understand. It is such an intricate and different world. In true Cari fashion, it's not real pretty, but it is fascinating. I don't normally care for sadists, but Mako was a yummy one. He wasn't overboard, beating her without reason just to cause pain. His punishments tended to be pretty imaginative, and while I would have hated them, Ember most certainly did not, and this is where I realise that I'm okay with sadism that is erotic to both parties. I think that is where so many other authors fall down. They have a sadist punishing someone in ways that are painful and that they don't enjoy. It's a turn off to me, but this was almost an art. Oh, so what was I saying before I got lost in Mako? Yeah, she fell through a portal and humans become all shiny and pretty and have just been declared slaves. They are very valuable, can't tell you why as I don't want to spoil. This world is

filled with a lot of players, political intrigue, awakening sentient beings and it's just getting deeper. This author's stories tend to wring me out emotionally and intellectually. After I finish a series, I have to take a break in between and read pure fluff for my brain to recover! I mean that in the best of ways though. This is an author who is really outstanding. I think I have only not liked one of her series that I read so far and it just wasn't my cup of tea at all. But when you are reading dark thrillers/romance everyone has things that just don't do it for them. This was not one of those for me. It may be for some though. I look forward to the rest of this series.

E.J. Frost says

What a wonderful slow burn of a book!

The characters are well-developed and feel like friends by the end of the story. The world-building is rich and imaginative. I felt transported to Aerthe and was only sorry to have to leave when the story ended. Yes, the story goes dark, but that's in no way a detraction. It goes where it needs to go - be brave and let it take you there.

Looking forward to the rest of the series!

Kristina says

Acquired Possession opens in the middle of an excellent action scene, sucking me in and never letting go. The world building is fantastic; to use Emery's words: "World War One tech crossed with Doctor Who." So many scenes are laced with darkly sexual undertones, occasionally outright blatantly delicious ones, and it's enthralling.

All of it.

I'm a sucker for those scenes where some may see cruelty, but others see domineering eroticism. For me, much of the story was a constantly charged, deliciously sexual feast.

The world is left open for more stories to follow, and I eagerly look forward to revisiting Aerthe.

Here are some of my favorite, non-spoilery lines:

"If this was Narnia, she wanted fawns and moralistic heroes who offered you cloaks and sips of warming beverages. Not leather cuffs threaded with steel."

"Her legs might tremble but she'd said what she had to. Maybe because she knew this would get harder to do the longer she was here. Soon, if he had his way, and she was afraid he would, she would lose her courage. She would cherish this time –a memory of when she still had balls."

"Mako raised his leg and planted his boot on her butt. Not too much pressure, just enough to let her feel the weight and maybe the grit on the sole, reminding her who had control."

"He ate up her pain. She loved the darkness in his eyes, the pleasure he gave her, the way he stopped to watch when she whimpered and wriggled."

- I voluntarily read an ARC. This in no way affected my review.
